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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced windy conditions across the state last week. Crops in isolated areas, including Western Slope fruit, experienced freeze damage due to record low temperatures mid-week. Overall, mountain snowpack is 73 percent of average. Farmers were allowed 5.0 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	21	22	57	0
Last Week	25	36	39	0
Last Year	8	34	57	1

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	32	45	22	1
Last Week	42	37	21	0
Last Year	15	38	47	0

Small Grains: Six percent of the winter wheat crop was reported being pastured this week, slightly above the five-year average of 4 percent. Windy conditions caused some damage to wheat plantings, with crop condition rating mostly fair to very poor. Spring barley was 31 percent seeded and 6 percent emerged by the end of the week, slightly behind the 5-year averages of 34 percent planted and 14 percent emerged. Spring wheat was 24 percent seeded by week's end with 4 percent emerged.

Row Crops: Onion growers continue to make planting progress, with 48 percent of the crop planted by week's end, slightly behind the 5-year average of 52 percent. Producers made limited progress in planting sugarbeets and summer potatoes. Sugarbeet plantings were at 4 percent by week's end, considerably behind the 17

percent average. Summer potato plantings are behind the 5-year average of 14 percent, with 11 percent planted by week's end

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 14, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	27	17	42	14	0
Last Year	5	13	40	38	4

Pasture and Range: Recent moisture in some areas has provided short term relief to rangeland across the state. Current conditions were rated 47 percent very poor compared to 56 percent last week.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 14, 2013

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2013	47	25	24	4	0
Prev. Year – 2012	13	27	41	19	0
5-Year Avg.	12	22	36	28	2

Livestock: Calving and lambing rates continue near the average, with 78 percent of cows having calved since January 1st, while 68 percent of the ewes lambed. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were rated short for this time of year.

Spring 2013 Calving and Lambing

	2013	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	78	77
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	68	71

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 14, 2013

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Pastured	6	6	1	4
Jointed	4	3	31	20
Spring Barley				
Seeded	31	23	48	34
Emerged	6	4	32	14
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	24	18	43	27
Emerged	4	2	12	8
Dry Onions				
Planted	48	35	61	52
Sugarbeets				
Planted	4	1	27	17
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	11	7	33	14

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	3	9	39	49	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.